

Let Freedom Ring

Following the Prayer for the Country, ships, court-houses, churches, schools, and all other public and private buildings are invited to ring their bells 13 times, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time exactly, in celebration of the date and time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, as requested by the Congress of the United States in 1963 with Concurrent Resolution Number 25:

THE UNITED STATES SENATE & THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

“Whereas the tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. At 2 o’clock in the afternoon of the 4th day of July, 1776, proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

Whereas the adoption of this historic document marked the birth of our country as a free and independent nation; and

Whereas it is fitting that the anniversary of this great event should be appropriately observed in each year at the same moment throughout the United States; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Congress hereby (1) declares that the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells throughout the United States at the hour of 2 o’clock, eastern daylight time, in the afternoon of the 4th of July, or at such other time on that day as may be determined by local authority, and (2) call upon civic and other community leaders to take appropriate steps to encourage public participation in such observance.”

Adopted 26 June 1963

Let Freedom Ring Roll of Honor

Participants in the Let Freedom Ring National Bell Ringing Ceremony can register for the Roll of Honor for 2000, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution. To register for an official Certificate of Participation suitable for framing, call The Pennsylvania Society at (800) 330-1776, or visit their web site:

www.libertynet.org/pssr/

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O Eternal God, who alone spreads out the heavens and rules the seas: Take into your Almighty protection these ships with their sailors and Marines. Preserve them from the dangers of the sea and from the violence of the enemy, that they may continue to serve faithfully as safeguards to the peace loving nations of the world and provide security for all who travel on the seas for the common good. Eternal God and Protector of Seafarers, bless all the ships and boats in New York Harbor, and all who sail upon the high seas, that they may serve and return to home ports in safety, under your protection and guidance.

Amen.

Prayer for our Country

At exactly 1:58 p.m Eastern Daylight Time on July 4, 2000, all are invited to join in the Prayer for Our Country, attributed to George Washington:

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Imbue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through thy Name.

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